GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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MECHANISATION OF COAL MINING
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rapid mechanisation of coal mining under Central Coalfields Limited are causing heavy unemployment; and

(b) if so, whether the Government would consider to have balanced mechanisation especially in tribal areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a): Rapid mechanisation has not been done in Central Coalfields Ltd.,Mechanisation of coal mining in CCLdoes not cause any unemployment because mechanisation is done to the extent that CCL remains efficient and competitive, keeping safety in view. The manpower of CCL is more than the requirement in certain categories. Surplus manpower is not being retrenched. They are re-trained for the jobs wherever required.

(b): Does not arise in view of reply above.